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1. ON 29 SEPT 77 AT 1830 HOURS LOCAL ONE GARY VAN DYK, WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A BRITISH SUBJECT WHO WAS BORN IN JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA ON 25 MAY 1936 AND WHO SAID HE IS A LITERARY AGENT BY PROFESSION AND RESIDES AT 62 REDKNOLL HALL, CHELSEA, SW-3, LONDON WALKED INTO U.S. MISSION. SUBJECT WHO IS STAYING AT HOTEL AMAT IN GENEVA ORIGINALLY CONTACTED DCM SOPENSON WHO ASKED THAT COS INTERVIEW HIM.

2. SUBJECT GAVE THE FOLLOWING STORY WHICH ADMITTEDLY APPEARS DISJOINED BUT MAY MAKE SENSE TO AFRICA DIVISION. ONE REASON FOR INCOHERENCY IS THAT SUBJECT WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE STORY LEAKING TO OUTSIDERS I.E. THE PRESS AND WAS VERY RETICENT ABOUT NAMING NAMES OR DATES.

A. IN JUNE 1977 FRANK STURGIS (PRESUMABLY SAME PERSON OF WATERGATE FAME) CAME TO LONDON AND CONTACTED AN UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER OF FNL. THROUGH LATTER, STURGIS

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HOPED TO MEET HOLDEN ROBERTO, SUBJECT LEARNED OF THIS APPROACH AND SINCE SUBJECT SAYS HE IS A CLOSE FRIEND AND SUPPORTER OF DANIEL GIPENDA, HE PUT STURGIS IN TOUCH WITH VICTOR FERNANDEZ. SUBJECT SAYS THAT AT THAT TIME HE DID NOT KNOW WHO FRANK STURGIS WAS.

B. VICTOR FERNANDEZ WAS IDENTIFIED AS ONE OF THE PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE ABORTIVE COUP OF MAY 1977 IN ANGOLA. STURGIS TOLD FERNANDEZ THAT HE REPRESENTED A GROUP OF CUBAN EXILES AND WAS IN A POSITION TO MAKE AVAILABLE 2000 ANTI-CASTRO CUBANS WHO WOULD GO TO ANGOLA TO PARTICIPATE IN ANOTHER COUP TO OVERTHROW THE CURRENT ANGOLAN REGIME.

C. STURGIS AND FERNANDEZ REPORTEDLY SIGNED AN AGREEMENT IN LONDON WHEREBY STURGIS PLEDGED FINANCIAL AND MILITARY SUPPORT (ACCORDING TO SUBJECT AFROM SOME LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS) AND AGREED AS TO WHO THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT IN EXILE (I.E. ANGOLA) WOULD BE.

D. GIPENDA, WHO AT THE TIME WAS IN LONDON, WAS SUSPICIOUS OF STURGIS BUT WENT ALONG WITH FERNANDEZ' GETTING HELP FROM STURGIS. GIPENDA THEN WENT TO GENEVA WHERE HE HAS BEEN EVER SINCE IN AMAT HOTEL. GIPENDA HAS BEEN WAITING AROUND, ACCORDING

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TO SUBJECT, TO SPEAK TO MOBUTU, WHO AS HOS KNOWS IS CURRENTLY IN SWITZERLAND. SUBJECT SAID THAT THE GIPENDA/MOBUTU TALK WILL TAKE PLACE IN NEXT FEW DAYS.

E. MEANWHILE GIPENDA AND SUBJECT AND POSSIBLY OTHERS HAVE RUN UP A 60,000 FRANC (US\$25,000) HOTEL BILL AT AMAT HOTEL AND EVIDENTLY THE HOTEL MANAGEMENT PLANS TO CALL THE POLICE IN THE NEXT DAY OR SO IF BILL IS NOT PAID.

F. SUBJECT BROUGHT WITH HIM A FILE OF XEROXED DOCUMENTS IN A LOOSE LEAF NOTEBOOK WHICH HE FLEETINGLY EXHIBITED. THERE WERE SEVERAL PHOTOS OF SUBJECT IN CAMOUFLAGED JUNGLE DRESS IN A JUNGLE, A PHOTO OF A PERSON SIMILARLY DRESSED WHOM SUBJECT IDENTIFIED AS FERNANDEZ AND LISTS OF EQUIPMENT AND OTHER MATERIAL WHICH SUBJECT SAID WAS SENT BY SOVIETS TO CUBAN FORCES IN ANGOLA. ACCORDING TO SUBJECT, THIS INTELLIGENCE WAS SENT OUT BY MPLA MEMBERS STILL IN ANGOLA.

G. SUBJECT SAID THAT ANOTHER COUP AGAINST ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT IS CURRENTLY BEING PLOTTED AND, IF SUCCESSFUL, PLOTTERS WANT GIPENDA TO BE THE NATIONAL LEADER AND NOT HOLDEN ROBERTO. SUBJECT APPEARS STRONGLY ANTI-HOLDEN ROBERTO AND SAVIMBA.

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H. SUBJECT DID NOT MAKE ANY PITCH FOR MONEY OR ANY OTHER REQUEST BUT SAID HE WOULD LIKE SOMEONE FROM WASHINGTON WHO WAS FAMILIAR WITH ANGOLAN MATTERS TO COME TO GENEVA SOONEST TO SPEAK WITH GIPENDA IF HE WANTED TO LEARN MORE.

3. IN RESPONSE TO COS' QUESTION, SUBJECT SAID HE WAS NOT A MERCENARY BUT HE WANTED AS A FORMER SOUTH AFRICAN TO SEE CURRENT ANGOLAN REGIME THROWN OUT ALONG WITH THE CUBANS. IN SPITE OF SUBJECT'S STATEMENT THAT HE DOES NOT WANT ANY MONEY OR DID HE COME TO MISSION TO SELL INFORMATION, IT IS OBVIOUS SUBJECT AND GIPENDA ARE OUT OF MONEY. SUBJECT WENT TO EXCEPTIONAL LENGTHS TO BE ASSURED THAT ABOVE INFORMATION WOULD NOT LEAK. HE APPEARS TO BE A VERY WELL-EDUCATED, COHERENT, SOFT-SPOKEN INDIVIDUAL IN SPITE OF THE FOREGOING STORY. HE IS ABOUT 6 FEET THREE INCHES TALL, 216 POUNDS, DARK BROWN HAIR WORK STYLISHLY LONG, LONG FACE, CLEAN SHAVEN, SMOKES BRITISH CIGARETTES, AND SPEAKS WITH EITHER A SOUTH AFRICAN OR AUSTRALIAN ACCENT.

4. COS TOLD SUBJECT THAT HE WOULD PASS ALONG SUBJECT'S STORY BUT IT WAS HARDLY LIKELY THAT ANYONE WOULD COME FORWARD TO PAY A \$25,000 HOTEL BILL. COS SAID HE HAD HEARD OF FRANK STURGIS BEFORE AND IT APPEARS THAT HE MAY HAVE SOLD FERNANDEZ AND SUBJECT A BILL.

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OF GOODS, NO COMMITMENTS OR ANY PROMISES WERE MADE TO SUBJECT NOR
DID SUBJECT ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN COS'S IDENTITY OR NATURE OF HIS
WORK.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE ASAP HCS EVALUATION OF SUBJECT'S
STORY AS SKETCHY AND DISJOINED AS IT SOUNDS. IF
HQS HAS AF DIVISION OFFICER IN NEARBY COUNTRY WHO FAMILIAR
WITH ANGOLA, ADVISE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND HIM TO GENEVA
FOR FURTHER DEBRIEFING OF SUBJECT.

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14 June 1976

SUBJECT: LORENZ, Llona Marita

1. As the result of an article on Subject in the 13 June 1976 New York Daily News, LM/CB was asked to do a file check to determine whether Subject was ever connected with the Agency. According to a LM/CB desk check, IP trace, CI/OA and Security Office check, LORENZ has never been employed by the Agency. Of interest, however, is the fact that her sister, Valerie LORENZ, was granted a CSC on 14 July 1955, initiated by Finance Division, as a witting employee. At that time Valerie was an employee of the National Bank of Washington.

2. There are several references, sourced to the FBI and DCI. LORENZ is a self-admitted former girl friend of Fidel CASTRO. She claims that she met Fidel while on a trip to Cuba with her father, Captain of the North German Lloyd Line, in February 1959, became infatuated with Fidel and stayed in Cuba. She served as Fidel's mistress and came to the U.S. with Fidel's party in April 1959. She learned at that time that she was pregnant by him. Marita returned to Havana a short time thereafter and had a miscarriage. She claims that she was drugged and taken to a hospital where an abortion was performed. Because of Fidel's reaction to the pregnancy, she turned against him. LORENZ returned to the U.S. from Cuba on 9 December 1959. Because of the bad abortion operation performed on LORENZ in Cuba in September 1959, LORENZ was operated on by a Dr. Hanniar on 20 January 1960 at the Roosevelt Hospital in New York City.

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3. It is said that LORENZ appeared on the Today's Show on 14 June 1976. She reportedly made the statement that she was associated with Frank STURGIS, and that she had placed some poison pills in her face cream for the purpose of assassinating Fidel. A 24 April 1961 FBI document states that on 8 January 1961 LORENZ, STURGIS, Alex ROKF were to meet that evening and attempt a unity meeting of anti-Castro Cubans. The unity meeting was sponsored by Luis CONTE Agucero, one of the leading anti-Castro Cubans. I have uncovered nothing to date concerning an assassination attempt (in this connection.)

Chris Hopkins
LA/COG/CIO/S

CC: to Bill Sturbits for showing to the IG

N.B. COMMENT by CI September 1977: Note recent traces that were sent to the DR on CONTE and allegations that he might have been (might be) a Cuban agent.

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*In our conversations,
 we must answer this
 request even though we
 are in litigation with
 him. This has already
 been done in the case of
 Nease, Barnes & Carnegie
 with whom we are in
 court in S.W.P. Usually,
 we ask I.P.S. to coordinate
 any outgoing response
 to the request with
 O.G.C. in cases like this.*

- No record of subject(s)
- No info identifiable
with subject(s)
- See attached memorandum

*40 docs for possible
 release... 6 vols 201 file
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255 1/2 17th Street
L-1, Florida 33167 P 76-1062
1973
Frank Sturgis
Information Privacy Coordinator
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Re: Pre-freedom of information request
notice of charges

Dear Sir/Madam:

Before exercising my right to a freedom of information request for copies of any and all available (in accordance with the declassification processes established in Executive Order 11172 and its amendment of January 1976) files of records and documents, both computerized and manual, copies of which may be available under my present and former names and pseudonyms, I hereby request the complete and final estimate of charges for search and duplication services.

As regards the charges for these services, the matters may be worthy of consideration. The first of this is that, given the proper access codes, the execution of a computer search is neither difficult nor costly. And the second is that in light of the controversial nature of my past, a waiver or reduction of charges may conduce to the furtherance of the public interest. I therefore respectfully request that these factors be considered in the making of a decision as to the cost of services.

In compliance with your request for identity verification (pursuant to provisions of the 1974 Privacy Act, section 552, subsections b and d) I hereby swear before a notary public as to my name and former names, my present address, my date as well as place of birth, and my citizenship. Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Yours truly,

Frank Sturgis
Frank Sturgis

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF DADE

Before me personally appeared Frank Sturgis to me well known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein expressed.

witness my hand and official seal this 19th day of May, A.D. 1976.

Yerelle (Seal)
Notary Public, State of Florida
at Large
My commission expires May 1976
SANDRA L. GOLDBECK, Notary Public
SANDRA L. GOLDBECK, Notary Public

Signatures: Frank Lincoln Fiorini
Frank Angelo Fiorini
Frank A. Fiorini
Frank Anthony Sturgis
Frank A. Sturgis
Frank Sturgis
Frank Bonelli
Frank Campbell

Code names: Federini
Barberose
Samson

Born 9 December 1924

in Norfolk, Va.

United States of American citizen

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SIXTY-THREE (73) OF 7310; 311 105-100002
Present address:
115 1/2 22nd Street
Miami, Florida 33167

also known as: Frank Johnson, Jimmie
Frank Johnson
Frank Johnson
Frank Johnson
Frank Johnson
Frank Johnson

1926, Dec. 5.....
1930-1942.....
1942-1945.....
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c. 1945-1948.....
c. 1948.....
c. 1949.....
c. 1949-1950.....
c. 1950-1952.....
c. 1952.....
c. 1952-1954.....
c. 1954-1961.....
born in Norfolk, Va.
resided at 510 1/2 22nd Street, Garfield,
Norfolk, Va.
U.S. Marine Corps Reserve
(Marine Co., S.C.; Pacific Theatre)
Honorable discharge - "Honorable" Rating, Ore.
Norfolk, Virginia
Norfolk, Va. Adm: Bank St., etc.
Joined Norfolk Police Dept.
attended William and Mary College
also attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute
c. 1945-employed as manager of the Virginia
Tavern on East Main Street
c. 1947-employed as owner and manager of
The Whitehorse Tavern on East Main Street
enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve
at the Norfolk Naval Air Station
Honorable discharge
U.S. Merchant Marine travelling to and from
Europe
U.S. Army - stationed in Germany
Honorable discharge
owner-manager of Virginia Nightclub in
Virginia Beach, Va.
Cuba (Santo Domingo) & Miami, Florida;
Mexico; Venezuela; Costa Rica; Guatemala;
Panama; Honduras; Jamaica Is.
1952: contact with CI at US Consulate -
Santiago, Cuba
1950: contact with CI at US Embassy -
Havana, Cuba
1950: contact with FBI HQ - Washington, D.C.
1960-1970: Bay of Pigs
CI control officer 3rd Seal

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1972.....contact with MI and CIA
1972.....travel and business (operation sword) Mexico and
Venezuela
1972-1973.....recruiting and assignment for the Pan-Mexican Lumumba Co.
1972-1973.....10th fl., 10th, 11th, 12th
June 17, 1972.....arrested at Torre Office building
June-July, 1972.....in U.S. v. G. Gordon Liddy et al.
January, 1973.....in court of Miami, arrested
January 15, 1973.....brought to Federal Prison Inst. in Danbury, Conn.
February 1973.....then moved to Felton or Force 880
Miami, Florida
March 1973.....brought to Dade County Jail
January, 1974.....released on appeal bond
1974.....salesman for Jerry Zulman Company, Miami, Florida
1974-1975.....salesman for Police 10, Miami, Florida
1975.....salesman for Continental Eng. Corp., Miami, Florida
1974-1975.....salesman for Miami Auto. Life. Company
Miami, Florida

Thank you,

Frank Sturgis

Frank Sturgis

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF DADE

Before me personally appeared Frank Sturgis to me well known
and known to me to be the person described in and who executed
the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein expressed.

Witness my hand and official seal this 19th day of May, A.D.
1976.

Allen Wilke
Notary Public, State of Florida
at Large

My commission expires May 19, 1977

215 11th Street
Apt. 1101, Flor. 33167
Mon. 13, 1973

Mr. J. J. Clegg
13 P.M. '76
Office of Public Information
Central Intelligence Agency
Langley, Virginia

Re: Information Request

Dear Clegg:

This letter is a request for any and all available information in your computerized and documented files--in pursuance of the Freedom of Information Act (section 552 of title 5, United States Code), its amendment (Public Law 93-502), as well as the automatic declassification procedures stipulated in Executive Order 11165, pertaining to me and my alleged activities as "Frank Sturgis", or "Frank Fiorini", or coded references thereto. Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Frank Sturgis

--formerly, Frank Fiorini

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Intelligence Division

FROM : Deputy Director for Operations

SUBJECT: Frank STURGIS

REF. : CIR-316/01746-77

1. According to a source of the Miami Field Office of the Domestic Collection Division, Subject disclosed to the source the following information concerning plans which allegedly reflect Subject's interest in Africa and Panama in conversations held on or around 5 June 1977. Subject has discussed plans to establish a Cuban Government in exile on Angolan soil with the help of Holden ROBERTO, FNL. Subject is prepared on receipt of agreement from Roberto to provide food, medical teams and other forms of assistance to the FNL. Ostensibly, this would be a first step following recognition by Roberto of a Cuban Exile Government. This government would then attempt to raise troops and, among other things, capture as many Castro soldiers as possible in order to use them as an exchange or trade instrument. The funds for such an enterprise ostensibly would come from Cuban Communities in Brazil, Nicaragua, Panama, Mexico, Venezuela and the United States. One aspect of the proposed unconventional war is the use of counterfeit Angolan money. Also allegedly involved is planning to secure Angolan aid for Panamanians who oppose Torrijos.

2. Involved in unspecified ways in these plans are the following:

- a. Leonel GOMEZ - International Coordinator, Afro-Cuban Committee (appears to be inactive at present; formerly involved in the Cuban Exile Movement)
- b. Dr. Alida REINOSO
- c. (FNU) SOTOLONGO
- d. Merwin SIGALE - Columnist for an afternoon newspaper

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- e. Stanley TAYLOR - Leeds, United Kingdom;
allegedly an associate of Roberto
- f. Colin TAYLOR - An uncle of Stanley Taylor

3. The source has expressed an extreme fear of physical retribution should his disclosures become known and a disinclination to convey his information directly to other agencies.

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TO: DCD/HEADQUARTERS.

TO: CSD (WALKER)

VW/INTEL

SUBJ: FRANK STURGIS

REF: MAINWARING/WALKER TELECON OF 11 MAY 1977

11.11.25 1. 21 May

1. ROBERT W. MORGAN IS A MIAMI-BASED ADVENTURER AND PRODUCER OF SEMI-DOCUMENTARY MOVIES WHO HAS OCCASIONALLY VOLUNTEERED INFORMATION TO THE MFO. HE IS ACQUAINTED WITH FRANK STURGIS. ON 11 MAY 1977 MORGAN TELEPHONED THE MFO AND IMPARTED THE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING.

2. WITHIN THE PAST FEW DAYS, STURGIS SAID THAT HE (STURGIS) HAD BEEN APPROACHED TO ORGANIZE TRAINING FOR 200 PANAMANIAN DISSIDENTS TO OCCUR IN COSTA RICA. TRAINING WOULD LAST 30 DAYS AND WOULD BE PART OF A LARGER ANTI-TORRIJOS EFFORT. HE PROVIDED NO FURTHER DETAILS.

3. STURGIS ALSO SAID HE WAS NOW ASSOCIATED WITH THE "AFRO-CUBAN COMMITTEE", POSSIBLY A NEW GROUP, WHICH HAS AMONG ITS GOALS, COALESCING CUBAN EXILE OPPOSITION TO CASTRO ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA. STURGIS SAID THE GROUP INITIALLY IS SEEKING 50 MEN FOR SERVICE OF SOME SORT IN ANGOLA AND ZAIRE. IN THIS RESPECT, STURGIS WILL DEPART SOON FOR LONDON AND BRUSSELS.

4. WE SHOULD NOTE THAT MIAMI AREA ABOUNDS IN STORIES ABOUT FRANK STURGIS, OR PURPORTING TO ORIGINATE WITH STURGIS. WE HAVE, HOWEVER, NO REASON TO DOUBT STURGIS ACTUALLY SAID THESE THINGS TO MORGAN.

5. SOME OF MORGAN'S FILM PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES TAKE HIM

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TO UNUSUAL PLACES OR LEAD TO UNUSUAL PERSONAL ASSOCIATIONS.
HE HAS AN OVERRIDING CONCERN THAT HE MIGHT AT SOME POINT
BE IDENTIFIED AS A POLICE INFORMANT AND THEREFORE WILL NOT
TALK TO THE FBI. HE HAS ALSO ASKED US TO REFRAIN FROM DOING
SO IN MATTERS AFFECTING HIM.

6. Nonetheless, some of this should be passed to the
FBI. We can try again to persuade Morgan to deal with the
more responsible agency. Alternatively, we would recommend
passage of substance at headquarters level.

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TO: DCD/HEADQUARTERS.

TO: OPERATIONS SERVICES GROUP/OSR (FRENCH) FROM HENNESSEY

WNINTEL

SUBJ: ALBANIAN CRYPTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL

REF: DCD/HEADQUARTERS 16628, 1 SEPTEMBER 1976, SAME SUBJECT

ROBERT MORGAN, OWNER, SAFARI SPORT, P.O. BOX 133, NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AND VANGUARD RESEARCH, INC., P.O. BOX 312, MIAMI, FLORIDA, ADVISED US THAT FRANK STURG IS APPARENTLY DEPARTED MIAMI FOR WASHINGTON, D.C., WHERE HE INTENDED TO TURN SUBJECT MATERIAL OVER TO THE STAFF OF SENATOR HOWARD BAKER ON 2 SEPTEMBER 1976. STURG IS THEN INTENDED TO GO TO NEW YORK CITY. E2 IMPDET CL BY 011668

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CITE DCD/MIAMI 13477

TO: PRIORITY DCD/HEADQUARTERS.

TO: OPERATIONS SERVICES GROUP/OSB (FRENCH) FROM HENNESSEY

WMINTEL

SUBJ: ALBANIAN CRYPTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL

REF: HENNESSEY/FRENCH TELECON, 23 AUGUST 1976, SAME SUBJECT

1. THIS IS TO CONFIRM REFERENCED TELECON, ON 23 AUGUST 1976, WE RECEIVED A CALL FROM ROBERT W. MORGAN, OWNER OF SAFARI SPORTS, P. O. BOX 133, NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AND VANGUARD RESEARCH, INC., P. O. BOX 312, MIAMI, FLORIDA, IN WHICH HE INDICATED THAT HE HAD HAD A VISIT ON THE SAME DATE BY FRANK STURGIS. STURGIS HAD TOLD MORGAN THAT HE HAD JUST RETURNED TO MIAMI FROM NEW YORK CITY, WHERE HE HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED FOR THE "TOMORROW SHOW" ON NBC. (THIS INTERVIEW WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN TELEVISED AT 0100 HOURS, 24 AUGUST, BUT WAS NOT.)

2. STURGIS SAID THAT WHILE IN NEW YORK HE HAD STAYED THE WEEKEND (PRESUMABLY 21 AND 22 AUGUST) WITH MARITA LORENZ, WHO STURGIS SOMETIME AGO PUBLICLY CLAIMED TO HAVE HIRED TO POISON CUBAN PRIME MINISTER FIDEL CASTRO. LORENZ GAVE STURGIS A BOOK CONTAINING CRYPTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL THAT SHE SAID SHE HAD STOLEN FROM THE ALBANIAN MISSION IN NEW YORK. MORGAN WAS SHOWN MACHINE COPIES OF THREE OR FOUR PAGES OF THIS MATERIAL, WHICH CONSISTED OF FIVE DIGIT NUMERICAL GROUPS IN SERIES ACROSS THE PAGES. EACH OF THE GROUPS HAD A SINGLE LINE DRAWN THROUGH AS IF A DECODING OPERATION HAD BEEN PERFORMED. STURGIS TOLD MORGAN THAT HE HAS DISTRIBUTED PAGES OF THE BOOK IN VARIOUS PLACES IN MIAMI FOR SAFEKEEPING UNTIL HE CAN TURN ALL OF IT OVER TO SENATOR HOWARD BAKER. TO THIS END HE ALREADY HAD PLACED A CALL TO BAKER'S STAFF ON 23 AUGUST. STURGIS TOLD MORGAN THAT LORENZ HAD GIVEN HIM THE BOOK BECAUSE ONE OF HER MAFIA CONTACTS IN NEW YORK TRIED TO BLACKMAIL HER (FOR SOME REASON UNKNOWN TO MORGAN OR OURSELVES), AND SUBSEQUENTLY BEAT HER SEVERELY AND THREATENED HER LIFE. AS A RESULT, SHE NO LONGER WANTED ANY PART OF THE CRYPTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL IN QUESTION. STURGIS PROMISED TO GET IT INTO OFFICIAL U.S. GOVERNMENT HANDS.

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23 August 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Call from [redacted] of DCD Concerning Frank STURGIS

1. The following information was provided to [redacted] by his DCD Miami office on 23 August. The information was given to the DCD Miami office by a contact (not identified) on 23 August who obtained it from Oscar FREELY. FREELY is writing a book on Frank STURGIS.

2. STURGIS is to appear on the Tomorrow Show at 2 a.m. on 24 August, which is to be narrated by Tom Schneider. STURGIS just recently returned to Miami from taping the show in New York.

3. While in New York STURGIS saw Marita LORENZ and obtained from her a book which, according to source, appeared to be cryptographic material and seemed to relate to Albania. The DCD source saw a "few copies" of what he described as "mathematical matrix" material.

4. STURGIS currently (today - 23 August) is attempting to contact Senator Baker to turn over the material to him. DCD plans to ask the source to monitor the situation and advise whether the material in fact is turned over to Baker.

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ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFO IN THE PAST AND IS KNOWLEDGEABLE CONCERNING CUBAN EXILE ACTIVITIES IN MIAMI ADVISED THAT CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, EX-PRESIDENT OF CUBA, AND CAPTAIN EDUARDO SOTOLONGO, DR. F. FESSER, DR. OTIEZA, SUAREZ RIVA, PAUL POZO, DR. PEDRO ROIG, EULALIA ARNESTO, ALL PROMINENT CUBANS IN THE MIAMI AREA, MET WITH WASHINGTON, D.C., COLUMNIST JACK ANDERSON ON NOVEMBER 1, 1974. THE MEETING WAS SET UP BY FRANK STURGIS, WHO SUPPOSEDLY IS A PERSONAL FRIEND OF JACK ANDERSON. THE MEETING TOOK PLACE IN JACK ANDERSON'S OFFICE AND IT LASTED APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES. JACK ANDERSON WAS FURNISHED WITH A MONOGRAPH WHICH REFLECTED AN ADVERSE ATTITUDE TOWARDS CO-EXISTENCE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND CUBA.

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CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS WAS THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE GROUP AND HE ASKED JACK ANDERSON TO HELP THE CUBANS UNITE UNDER ONE COMMON GOAL, THE LIBERATION OF CUBA. JACK ANDERSON REPLIED THAT HE WOULD ASSIST CUBAN UNIFICATION IN THE U.S., BUT WOULD NOT WRITE AGAINST CO-EXISTENCE.

SOURCE ADVISED ABOVE MEETING WAS HELD SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING SUPPORT OF JACK ANDERSON IN UNITING CUBAN EXILES IN THE UNITED STATES. NO DISCUSSION WAS HELD CONCERNING BOMBINGS OR OTHER TERRORIST ACTIVITIES AND THESE MATTERS WERE NOT ALLUDED TO DURING THE MEETING.

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FROM: MIAMI FIELD OFFICE (HENNESSEY)

SUBJ: FRANK STURGIS

REF #: HORTON/STAHLING/HENNESSEY TELCON, 7 MAY 1974, SAME
SUBJECT

1. AT 1635 ON 7 MAY 1974 WE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL ON THE LISTED LINE FROM FRANK STURGIS, WHO INDICATED THAT HE WANTED TO MEET WITH US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER THAT HE MIGHT CONVEY INFORMATION OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE TO THE AGENCY. HE MENTIONED AT THE OUTSET THAT HE HAD ARRANGED TO MEET WITH MATT MACVANE OF THE MIAMI FIELD OFFICE AT AN EARLIER DATE, BUT MACVANE HAD FAILED TO APPEAR AT THE AGREED UPON TIME AND PLACE. WE DID NOT COOPERATE ON THE AGREED UPON MACVANE MEETING PLACE. HOWEVER, WE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED STURGIS THAT WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO MEET WITH HIM. WE SUGGESTED THAT IF HE REQUIRED AGENCY CONTACT HE SHOULD DO IT AT THE WASHINGTON LEVEL. HE ASKED WHO IN WASHINGTON HE MIGHT CALL. WE INDICATED THAT WE WERE UNABLE TO SUGGEST A SPECIFIC NAME.

2. STURGIS THEN SAID THAT HE DIDN'T WANT TO PLAY GAMES AND THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO GIVE US HIS INFORMATION OVER THE TELEPHONE.

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HE IMMEDIATELY SAID THAT IT CONCERNED NARCOTICS IN MEXICO AND THAT
A NUMBER OF VERY HIGH RANKING PEOPLE WERE INVOLVED. WE TOLD HIM
THAT IT WAS UNNECESSARY TO GO ANY FURTHER BECAUSE THIS WAS A
PROBLEM FOR THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, AND SUGGESTED THAT HE
CONTACT THEM. HE RESPONDED THAT HE HAS HAD CERTAIN PROBLEMS
WITH DEA, BUT HE INDICATED THAT HE MIGHT CALL GEORGE DAVIS, FBI,
MIAMI, WHOM HE HAS KNOWN FOR SOME TIME. WE AGREED THAT THIS MIGHT
BE AN EXCELLENT IDEA. STURGIS THEN THANKED US AND THE CONVERSATION
WAS TERMINATED.

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S. STURGIS WAS VERY PERSONAL, BUT FRANK, DURING THIS BRIEF
CONVERSATION, WE BELIEVE THAT HE UNDERSTANDS OUR POSITION, AND WE
DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT HE WILL ATTEMPT TO CONTACT US AGAIN.

4. THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS KEYCARD IS HAS BEEN
PASSED LOCALLY TO THE COS/CH, MIAMI, BY BRUCE MAINWARING.
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Frank Anthony STURGIS (201-242256)

1. This morning I received a phone call from the COS, Miami who advised me that yesterday Frank Sturgis called the DCD, Miami Office, and expressed a desire to meet with one of the DCD officers. Sturgis claimed to have new information on the movement of narcotics through Mexico and other information which he did not specify.

The DCD Miami Office thanked Sturgis for calling and referred him to the FBI and DEA, who would be the most interested recipients of the information he has. Sturgis was very pleasant on the telephone and the DCD people obviously responded correctly.

W.C. Sturbitts
WILLIAM C. STURBITTS

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RE: CUBANOS UNIDOS
(UNITED CUBANS)
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
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Cubanos Unidos (CU) is a Cuban exile anti-FIDEL CASTRO organization in Miami, Florida. Its purpose is to unite all exile groups into a unity organization and begin military operations against the present Government of Cuba.

WILFREDO NAVARRO BEATO is the head of CU, which organization now maintains office space at 1996 S. W. 1st Street, Miami, telephone 642-9741.

On June 9, 1970, MM T-1, a Cuban exile involved in revolutionary matters for the past six years, advised that CU recently decided to start selling bonds issued in the name of the Republic of Cuba. The money collected would be used to purchase arms for proposed military operations against Cuba.

On June 15, 1970, MM T-1 stated that WILFREDO NAVARRO at that time was claiming that MAURICE FERRE, a member of the Miami City Commission, is assisting him in Cuban revolutionary activities. NAVARRO claimed that about a week previously, a meeting was held in the FERRE Building in Miami, and it was determined that CU had adequate money resources. NAVARRO said that he instructed TOMAS ARENCIBIA, a leading member of CU, to quit his job and NAVARRO would pay his salary. NAVARRO explained that he wanted ARENCIBIA to work on a full-time basis for CU. Also present at this meeting were three unidentified Americans, one of whom reportedly has a quantity of arms stored at his house.

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RE: CUBANOS UNIDOS
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On June 19, 1970, MM T-3, another Government agency which conducts intelligence investigations, advised information had been received that CU recently held a meeting to introduce Americans who are backing their organization. The Americans were FRANK FIORINI and ED KAISER. FIORINI calls himself the "Chief of Intelligence Section of Cubanos Unidos".

On July 1, 1970, WILFREDO NAVARRO BEATO appeared at the Miami Office of the FBI with his brother, ROFRNE NAVARRO BEATO, and advised as follows:

FRANK FIORINI, an American citizen who has been involved in Cuban exile revolutionary matters for the past ten years, recently signed a unity agreement with CU. In this agreement, FIORINI, who represents some independent anti-CASTRO organization, agreed that political unity of all exile groups must be established. FIORINI is not a member of CU as such, holds no official position, and is not in charge of intelligence.

NAVARRO said that a few days previously he returned from Washington, D. C., where again he was trying to obtain United States Government support and backing. He was told that no support could be given unless it was personally authorized by President RICHARD M. NIXON.

They stated that JORGE GONZALEZ, also known as "Pomillo", who was formerly associated with another anti-CASTRO organization, was in no way associated with CU. They claimed that CU had no plans to attack a Russian vessel off the coast of Florida. CU had previously said it needed some 57mm recoilless rifles for this purpose but had no intention of attacking a Russian vessel. Announcements that they were going to do so were made for political propaganda and also to stir patriotic Cuban exiles to become more active in Cuban revolutionary matters.

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RE: CUBANOS UNIDOS
(UNITED CUBANS)

BOB RAHEY (phonetic), a commentator on
Channel 4 TV, Miami, who will travel with
WILFREDO NAVARRO.

WILFREDO NAVARRO, leader of CU.

JORGE NAVARRO, brother of WILFREDO and
designated Naval Chief of CU.

(First Name Unknown) RODRIGUEZ ALONSO,
designated Military Chief of CU.

GORDON DI BATTISTO, an Italian having
Mafia connections.

EDWIN KAISER, reportedly with "U.S. French
Legion".

MAURICIO FERRE, reportedly provides financial
backing to WILFREDO NAVARRO.

PILIN MENDOZA, a friend of JOSE FERRE.

MM T-5 indicated that it was intended that
mercenaries from Corsica would be used.

On July 29, 1970, EDWIN BENJAMIN KAISER, JR., 805
West 30th Street, Hialeah, Florida, advised that he knew no
one named BOB RAHEY or (First Name Unknown) RODRIGUEZ ALONSO.
KAISER said that he had previously been in the French Foreign
Legion and knows former legionnaires who now live in all
parts of the world. Many of these legionnaires would fight
as mercenaries if contacted, but at the present time neither
he nor CU has any plans to contact these people and does not
have the funds to pay them or the military equipment to issue
them. KAISER said that WILFREDO NAVARRO is a long-time
friend of Miami City Commissioner, MAURICE FERRE, and the
nature of their relationship is business interests.

KAISER advised he continues to be active in CU

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1. FOLLOWING IS UPDATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS
WITHIN MILITANT EXILE COMMUNITY.
2. JOSE TORRIENTE HAS TOLD AMCHALK-1 THAT
NEGOTIATIONS ARE WELL ALONG FOR OBTAINING TWO ISLANDS AS
TRAINING AND OPERATIONAL BASES FOR EXILES. ONE IS THE
ISLA BEATA OFF THE SOUTH COAST OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.
NEGOTIATIONS WITH UNIDENTIFIED DOMINICANS FOR USE OF THIS
ISLAND ARE TAKING PLACE THROUGH THE ARGENTINE CONSUL
GENERAL IN PUERTO RICO. TORRIENTE WAS IN PUERTO RICO LAST
WEEK. THE OTHER ISLAND WHICH IS BEING NEGOTIATED FOR BY
EX-PRESIDENT CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS IS ILE A VACHE WHICH IS
LOCATED OFF THE SOUTHERN HAITIAN PENINSULA. TRA19180
ACTIVITIES AND RECRUITING FOR A MARITIME AND INFILTRATION
COURSE IS CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE IN THE MIAMI AREA, HOWEVER
THUS FAR ALL TRAINING HAS BEEN CONDUCTED UNDER CLASSROOM
CONDITIONS IN PRIVATE HOMES THROUGHOUT THE MIAMI AREA.
STATION IS POSSESSION OF MANY OF THE NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS

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RECRUITED. PLS FORWARD LARGEST SCALE ARMY AND HYDROGRAPHIC
MAPS AVAILABLE FOR THESE ISLANDS.

3. THE CUBANOS UNIDOS GROUP CONTINUES TO AT LEAST
MAKE APPEARANCES OF ACTIVITY. ANSNAP-3 REPORTS THAT FRANK
FIORINI (201-242256) HAS LINKED HIMSELF WITH THE NAVARRO
BROTHERS AND GORDON DI BATTISTO. FIORINI CALLS HIMSELF
"CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE SECTION OF CUBANOS UNIDOS".
RECENTLY A MEETING WAS HELD AT DUPONT PLAZA HOTEL TO
INTRODUCE AMERICANS WHO ARE BACKING THE CUBANOS UNIDOS
GROUP. THE AMERICANS IN ATTENDENCE WERE FIORINI AND ED
KAISER. FIORINI IMPLIED THAT CUBANOS UNIDOS HAS UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT SUPPORT. ANSNAP-3 BELIEVES, AS MANY
OTHER CUBANS DO, THAT FIORINI AND KAISER MAY BE TIED IN
WITH MAFIA. SIX MONTHS AGO, ACCORDING TO ANSNAP-3, THE
SAME GROUP FORMED A SUPPOSEDLY HIGH-PROFIT ORGANIZATION IN
TALLAHASSEE TO AID CUBANS. BONDS WERE PRINTED UP AND
SOLD TO LOCAL COMPANIES AND REFUGEES. IT IS APPARENT THAT
A "COIN" GAME IS GOING ON. IT IS HIGHLY POSSIBLE THAT
CUBANOS UNIDOS ELEMENTS ARE INVOLVED WITH CUBANS
UNIDOS FOR THESE COIN PURPOSES.

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4. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM AMCRUM-5 THAT SPECIAL
MODIFIED BERTRAM BOATS, 31 FEET WITH 2 EACH MERCRAISER
INBOARD ENGINES RATED AT 325 HORSEPOWER EACH HAVE BEEN
ORDERED BY HAITIAN GOVERNMENT. THE BOATS ARE ALSO EQUIPPED
WITH RADAR AND FORWARD MOUNT AND HEAVY WEAPONS. TO DATE,
ONLY 2 BOATS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. AMCRUM-5 LEARNED ABOVE
AS RESULT OF HIS CURRENT PROPRIETORSHIP OF A MARINE
SERVICES COMPANY, REPORTEDLY, 10 TO 12 BOATS ARE IN ORDER.
WHILE NO INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO CONTRADICT THE FACT
THAT THESE ARE BEING ORDERED FOR THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT, WE
SPECULATE THAT THIS MAY BE ACTUALLY FOR CUBAN EXILES. THE
PURCHASING AGENT IS JAMES BEYER WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN
PREVIOUS PURCHASES FOR DAVALTER.

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UNSUBJ THREAT TO ASSASSINATE SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER
AND THE PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA

ON APRIL 23, 1975, FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, SOLDIER OF
FORTUNE AND CONVICTED WATERGATE DEFENDANT, WAS CONTACTED AT
THE LILLY FURNITURE STORE, 1225 N.W. 119 STREET, MIAMI, FLORIDA.
HE ADVISED THAT ON APRIL 22, 1975, SOURCE OF HIS, WHOM HE DE-
CLINED TO IDENTIFY BUT HAD FORMERLY WORKED FOR CENTRAL INTELLI-
GENCE AGENCY, HAD FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO
STURGIS ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS.

A GROUP CALLING ITSELF THE LATIN-AMERICAN ANTI-COMMUNIST
LEAGUE, BASED IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, HAD BEEN ACTIVE IN RECENT
WEEKS. THE HEAD MAN OF THIS GROUP WAS AN EX-CUBAN LAWYER
NAMED DR. DE CARDENAS. THERE WAS A REVEREND ESPINOSA "INVOLVED
WITH THE GROUP." HE WAS SUSPECTED BY THE SOURCE AS BEING A
CASTRO AGENT AND WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A FORMER NEW YORK POLICEMAN
WHO HAD WORKED FOR G-2 IN CUBA IN FORMER YEARS.

THIS GROUP HAD REPORTEDLY RECRUITED TWO NATIVE BORN
AMERICANS FROM THE NEW YORK AREA AND SENT THEM FROM MIAMI TO CUBA
SEVERAL WEEKS AGO IN A BOAT ON CLANDESTINE OPERATION. THEY HAVE
SINCE RETURNED TO MIAMI, BUT THE REASON FOR THE TRIP WAS UNKNOWN.
IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT DR. DE CARDENAS HAD BEEN ATTEMPTING
TO OBTAIN U.S. PASSPORTS FOR FOUR NATURALIZED CUBAN AMERICANS,
IDENTITIES UNKNOWN. HE WAS ALSO TO TRY TO GET VENEZUELAN VISAS
FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS.

DURING EVENING MEETINGS IN RECENT WEEKS, THE GROUP HAS DIS-
CUSSED MANY THINGS. WHEN IT WAS REPORTED THAT HENRY KISSINGER
WAS TRAVELING TO VENEZUELA, THE GROUP HAD DISCUSSED VARIOUS PLANS
FOR CREATING SOME KIND OF AN INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT DURING

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KISSINGER'S VISIT IN VENEZUELA WHICH WOULD TEND TO DISCREDIT HIM AND THE PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA.

AS A RESULT OF THESE REPORTED DISCUSSIONS, THE SOURCE HAD BEEN LED TO BELIEVE THAT POSSIBLY THESE PLANS MIGHT RESULT IN AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON KISSINGER WHEN HE WAS VISITING IN VENEZUELA.

STURGIS EXPLAINED THAT THIS SOURCE WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY OTHER DETAILS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INFORMATION AND NO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WERE IDENTIFIED. STURGIS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE SOURCE HAD OBTAINED THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ALLEGED PLANS FOR CREATING AN INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT INVOLVING KISSINGER THIRDHAND. THE WIFE OF A MAN WHO WAS CONNECTED WITH A MEMBER OF THIS GROUP HAD OVERHEARD HER HUSBAND TALKING ON THE TELEPHONE ABOUT KISSINGER'S VISIT TO VENEZUELA AND HAD REPORTED THIS INFORMATION TO THE SOURCE.

STURGIS ADVISED THAT NOW THAT KISSINGER'S VISIT TO VENEZUELA HAD BEEN CANCELLED, HE UNDERSTOOD THAT ALL PLANS "HAD BEEN ABORTED" AND THAT THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE DANGER OR CONCERN. ALTHOUGH NO DEFINITIVE PLANS OF THE GROUP WERE KNOWN, STURGIS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE GROUP HAD ONLY DISCUSSED POSSIBLE PLANS FOR AN INCIDENT INVOLVING BOTH KISSINGER AND THE PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA DURING SUCH A VISIT IN ORDER TO DISCREDIT UNITED STATES-VENEZUELA RELATIONS.

STURGIS POINTED OUT THAT THE CUBAN EXILES ARE ALWAYS TALKING, CONSPIRING AND PLANNING SOME SORT OF ANTI-CASTRO ACTIONS, BUT IT IS PRIMARILY IDLE AND HOPEFUL GOSSIP AND RUMORS THAT COME TO NOTHING.

STURGIS STATED THAT ALTHOUGH HE FELT THERE WAS NO IMMINENT DANGER IN THESE ALLEGED THREATS, HE HAD PROMPTLY REPORTED THIS INFORMATION TO AN ACQUAINTANCE OF HIS IN THE U.S. CUSTOMS AGENCY, MIAMI, FLORIDA. THIS U.S. CUSTOMS AGENT HAD ADVISED STURGIS THAT HE WOULD PROMPTLY REPORT THIS INFORMATION TO THE U.S. SECRET SERVICE, MIAMI, WHICH AGENCY HAD PROTECTIVE JURISDICTION FOR U.S. CABINET MEMBERS. ACCORDINGLY, STURGIS UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS MATTER WAS BEING APPROPRIATELY HANDLED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

SOURCES FAMILIAR WITH CUBAN GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE MIAMI, FLORIDA AREA HAVE FURNISHED NO INFO INDICATING THE EXISTENCE OF ANY GROUP CALLING ITSELF THE LATIN AMERICAN ANTI-COMMUNIST LEAGUE.

ON APRIL 7, 1975, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH CUBAN ACTIVITIES IN THE MIAMI AREA, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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 WITH CUBAN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, REPORTED AS FOLLOWS:
 ON MARCH 24, 1975, REVEREND MANUEL ESPINOSA DIAZ, MINISTER OF THE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, ACCCOMPANIED BY FOUR CUBAN EXILES, BOARDED THE BOAT "WAHININI II" AT KEY WEST, FLORIDA, WHICH BOAT WAS PILOTED BY ANOTHER CUBAN NAMED JOSE CARDENAS. THE GROUP CLANDESTINELY WENT TO THE NORTH COAST OF CUBA AND REVEREND ESPINOSA CARRIED A LIST OF OVER THIRTY THOUSAND CUBANS WHO HAD BEEN UNABLE TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES TO JOIN THEIR RELATIVES. REVEREND ESPINOSA HAD AN INTERVIEW WITH FIDEL CASTRO IN AN EFFORT TO ARRANGE THE LEGAL DEPARTURE OF THESE PEOPLE.

SUBSEQUENTLY, ON MARCH 31, 1975, IT WAS LEARNED IN MIAMI THAT THE "WAHININI II" HAD RETURNED TO MARATHON, FLORIDA, ESCORTED BY THE U.S. COAST GUARD. ON THE SHIP, IN ADDITION TO REVEREND ESPINOSA AND HIS CUBAN EXILE COMPANION, WERE TWO U.S. NEWSMEN AND CAMERAMEN FROM CHANNEL TWO TV, MIAMI, IDENTIFIED AS KY BURTON AND KAPY KAPERMAN.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCD Contact with Frank Sturgis of the
Watergate Plumbers Group

Frank Sturgis contacted DCD in Miami recently
and requested a meeting. DCD, who apparently did not
recognize the name at first, agreed to meet with him.
The DCD meeting with Sturgis has been cleared with
George Carey, CIA Legal Counsel, and was cleared with
the DDO on 25 January 1974. No specific date for the
meeting was given to WH, but it is assumed that the
meeting will take place within the next few days.

J. B. B. B.
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